

Sir or Madam:

I would like to express my rejection of NAB's petition 04-160. XM Satellite radio provides me with traffic and weather in major metro areas which I travel to. The argument that this affects the local broadcasters is unbelievable. The only meaning for this petition is to give listeners no option except to be forced to listen to the advertising from local stations to hear 30 sec. of info.

XM is a pay service which is what separates it from local radio. This is the equivalent of the cable TV industry being told it cannot carry a pay channel of commercial free local news and weather channel because the local broadcast stations might lose money from the monopoly they have.

These are the same broadcast stations which refuse to allow me to receive HDTV signals over my satellite, yet because of my location in downtown Seattle, I cannot receive their over the air signal at all because of the tall office buildings. I am less than 1 mile from the CBS, NBC, and ABC transmitter but I get nothing but static with the most powerful antenna. Thanks FCC!

Hopefully someday the FCC will wake up and let the citizens vote with their dollars and reward broadcasters in all technologies for their innovation and technology instead of monopoly rights in a market.

Sincerely,

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